

A VISION OF THE EAST BAY CORRIDOR IN THE YEAR 2020

East Bay Corridor consists of **preserved and vibrant coastal village centers**, a retrofitted Route 136 and a developed water transportation system. **Ferries provide a convenient and competitive alternative to driving to such places as Providence, Newport and locations in the West Bay.** Water transportation is both an attraction to this unique Corridor and a pragmatic solution for the transportation demands of commuters, local traffic and tourist. Existing facilities are utilized creating a **multi-modal transportation system.**

Route 136 is retrofitted with traffic calming, pedestrian controlled signalization, interconnecting shopping centers, extensive landscaping, attractive signage, consolidated uses, and revised zoning and land-use plans. The retrofitting of Route 136 reinforces smaller scale commercial development and increases pedestrian and bike access **decreasing the feeling of isolation** while improving east to west passage. Safety is increased and congestion is decreased through the use of designated left-turning storage lanes and reduced curb cuts.

Route 114 retains and enhances its historic character. It is strengthened with mixed-use development and **ADA compliant sidewalks** along with bus turnouts providing safer transport of bus passengers. The **Wampanoag Trail is protected** for its visual and environmental values retaining the character of a **parkway.**

Regional planning facilitates transportation, growth management, economic development, and environmental protection and preservation of the East Bay's unique character and natural resources.

GOALS FOR EAST BAY CORRIDOR

- ✓ **Protect East Bay's unique character** through **regional planning** that integrates transportation systems fostering increased economic vitality while protecting the environmental resources of this Corridor.
- ✓ **Develop ferry service** as a viable form of public transportation. The Bay is a valuable asset to this corridor and its transportation potential as a way to absorb cross bay traffic is underutilized. The existing dock facilities could be readily converted and upgraded to facilitate a range of transportation options.
- ✓ **Reduce isolation of neighborhoods east of Route 136** through enhanced pedestrian controls and crosswalks.
- ✓ **Improve curb appeal of existing development and signage through revised zoning ordinances. Reduce curb cuts by interior connections of shopping areas.**
- ✓ **Maintain the parkway-driving environment on the Wampanoag Trail** section of Route 114 preserving the character of the corridor and enhancing the environmental and cultural quality of the area.
- ✓ **Maintain the historic character of Route 114** thru Barrington, Warren and Bristol through a continuous, linear historic district.

- ✓ **Improve safety for pedestrians** along Routes 114 and 136 by complying with ADA requirements and providing for pedestrian controlled traffic signals and other amenities.